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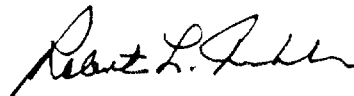
Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
Food and Drug Administration  
5630 Fishers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, MD 20852

Re: Docket Nos. 98N-1230; 96P-0418; 97P-0197

Gentlemen:

I am writing regarding public comments on reducing egg-borne diseases. The FDA must do more to prevent egg-borne diseases such as prohibiting the practice of forced molting since it has been scientifically shown to promote disease by destroying the hens' immune systems. The FDA was petitioned in April of 1998 to ban forced molting. It has jurisdiction to ban these practices and should do so without further delay. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



Robert L. Trimble

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